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Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know if there is any minimum fixed for the number of persons who should apply to have a co-operative credit society and if so, what is the required number ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" Not less than 10."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" In clause (b), some information is asked for in regard to the allegations contained in clauses (a) and (b) of the petition. Inasmuch as those allegations are not reproduced in the question, I find it difficult to pursue it. I want to know what the allegations are."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" Allegations of corruption."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know why only twelve honorary assistant registrars have been appointed for the whole Presidency instead of appointing at least one for each district from the members of the depressed classes ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is a separate question."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know whether there is a member of the depressed classes as honorary assistant registrar at least in this particular district or in the particular taluk ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question refers only to a place in the Tirukkoyilur taluk."

*Land mortgage banks in South Kanara.*

\* 2385 Q.—Mr. D. MANJAYYA HEGGADE : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of land mortgage banks started in South Kanara hitherto ; and

(b) whether the Government have started or propose to start in Uppinangadi, Karkal and Kundapur taluks the land mortgage banks, and if not, why not ?

A.—(a) Nil.

(b) There is no proposal to start a bank in the South Kanara district. No applications have yet been received from the people in the district.

*Fisheries.*

*Arrival of the fishing trawler:*

\* 2386 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to the answer given to my question No. 1674 on 19th March 1926, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the fishing trawler in question has arrived ;

(b) if so, when and where it is and what it has cost altogether over and above or below the estimated cost ; and

(c) what use it has been put to ?

A.—(a) & (b) The trawler arrived at Tuticorin on the night of the 21st April 1926. It is now lying at Pamban. The entire cost of the vessel was Rs. 1,04,454 against the estimated cost of Rs. 1,45,466.

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(c) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to clause (b) of Legislative Council question No. 2302.

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" May I know if the hon. the Minister for Development has any proposal to take duly qualified fishermen for the purpose of being trained in deep-sea fishing ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" This question is only about a trawler and not about training. "

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" I am asking whether there is any proposal for the purpose of imparting the knowledge of deep-sea fishing. . . . "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is a separate question. "

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" In clause (c) I have asked ' what use it has been put to ' and the answer is ' The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to clause (b) of Legislative Council question No. 2302 '. Thus attention is invited to a number of uses to which the trawler has been put to. Naturally, my hon. Friend's question follows. I ask, whether it is contemplated that fishermen should be employed for the purpose of being trained in deep-sea fishing ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNAM PILLAI :—" The answer is with the hon. Member already. "

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister would see that deep-sea fishing is introduced on the West Coast ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNAM PILLAI :—" The question has been already answered. "

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether it does not necessarily follow that some young men ought to be trained in the art ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is only about the use to which the trawler has been put. "

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" The purpose for which the trawler has been purchased is for the purpose of deep-sea fishing and so the question necessarily follows whether there is any proposal to train some youngsters in deep-sea fishing. I see the hon. the Minister is anxious to train people in soap manufacture, fish canning and other things. "

## Education.

*Age-limit for admission in secondary schools.*

\* 2387 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether any restrictions were imposed recently by the Director of Public Instruction with reference to age-limit of boys belonging to all classes in secondary schools ;

(b) if so, whether a copy of such a rule or circular will be placed on the table of this House ;

(c) whether such restrictions with reference to age-limit for admission apply in the case of depressed classes boys also ; and

(d) what is the principle involved in imposing such restrictions ?